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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH CROWN PRINCE--FIVE YEAR PLAN

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1. CROWN PRINCE HASSAN TOLD ME JANUARY 22 THAT FINAL DATES FOR CONFERENCE HAVE BEEN SET FOR MAY 31 AND JUNE 1, 1976 CONTRARY TO EARLIER PRESS REPORTS REFTEL. HE HOPES THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO BE HERE.

2. DATES SLIPPED IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE WORK NOW GOING ON IN IBRD TO ANALYZE FIVE YEAR PLAN AND TO PROVIDE MATERIAL FROM BANK ON FUNDING MINERALS SECTOR. CROWN PRINCE UNDERSTANDS FROM HIS CORRESPONDENCE THAT BANK WILL HAVE THIS WORK COMPLETED IN TIME FOR LATE MAY MEETING. CROWN PRINCE STILL HOPES THAT BANK WILL PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN ASSURING ARAB POTENTIAL DONORS OF THE EFFICACY OF VARIOUS JORDANIAN PROJECTS AND THAT THE ANALYSES ARE SOUND. HE HAS ASKED BANK TO FOCUS ON MINERALS SECTOR IN PARTICULAR.

3. WE DISCUSSED VERY BRIEFLY THE IDEA OF HAVING A MEETING OF THE TRADE AND INVESTMENT SUB-GROUP. HASSAN'S VIEWS STILL FOCUS AROUND HAVING SOME PROMINENT AMERICAN PLAY THE ROLE OF AN INVESTMENT ADVISOR CUM FOCAL POINT FOR CHANNELING AMERICAN INVESTMENT INTO JORDAN. WE HAVE BEEN AROUND ON THIS ONE SO MANY TIMES WITHOUT
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RESULTS THAT I HAVE HESITATED EVEN RAISING THE ISSUE

WITH HASSAN FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS. AND INDEED UNLESS
WE HAVE SOME SINGULARLY INTERESTING OR HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS
TO MAKE (ABOUT WHICH I AM MORE THAN OPEN MINDED) I WOULD
HOPE TO WORK WOULD PROCEED AT JORDANIAN NOT US INITIATIVE.
AS IT NOW STANDS JORDAN HAS A STUDY WHICH WE
DID FOR THEM ON INVESTMENT AND IMPROVING THE INVESTMENT
CLIMATE HERE AND THEY HAVE NEVER REALLY RESPONDED TO
US ON IT. THIS IS AN ISSUE ON WHICH I WOULD BE PLEASED
TO HAVE YOUR AND THE DEPARTMENT'S LATEST THOUGHTS.
IN SUM, PENDING RECEIPT OF THOSE THOUGHTS MY OWN VIEWS
TEND NOW VERY MUCH TO LETTING THE JORDANIANS TAKE THE
INITIATIVE FOR THE FUTURE ON THE TRADE AND INVESTMENT SUB-
GROUP.
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